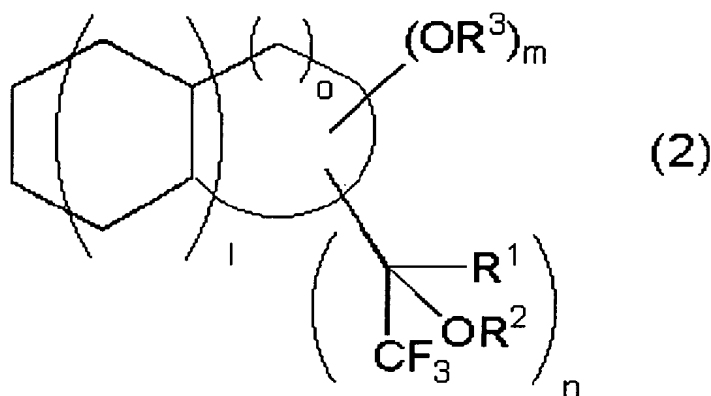


**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. A fluorine-containing compound represented by the formula 2,



where  $R^1$  is a methyl group or trifluoromethyl group,

each of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is independently a hydrogen atom or a group containing (a) a hydrocarbon group having a straight-chain, branched or ring form and having a carbon atom number of 1-25 or (b) an aromatic hydrocarbon group, each of the hydrocarbon group and the aromatic hydrocarbon group independently optionally containing at least one of a fluorine atom, an oxygen atom and a carbonyl bond,

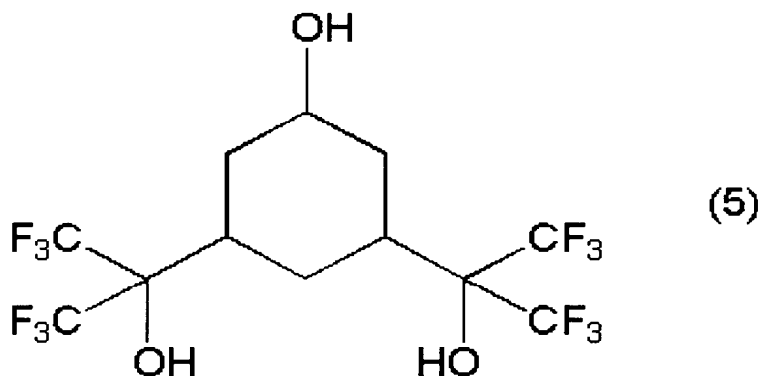
$l$  is an integer of from 0 to 2, each of  $m$  and  $n$  is independently an integer of 1-9 and  $o$  is an integer of 1-8 to satisfy an expression of  $m+n \leq o+2$ , and

when at least one of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is in a plural number, the at least one of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  may be identical with or different from each other.

3 (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) A fluorine-containing compound represented by the formula  
5.



6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein at least one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  comprises (a) a functional group selected from the group consisting of vinyl group, allyl group, acryloyl group, and methacryloyl group, or (b) a substituent having at least one fluorine atom substituted for a part or all of hydrogen atoms of the functional group.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein at least one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  comprises a substituent selected from the group consisting of trifluorovinyl group, difluorotrifluoromethylvinyl group, fluoroacryloyl group, trifluoromethylacryloyl group, and nonylfluorobutylacryloyl group.

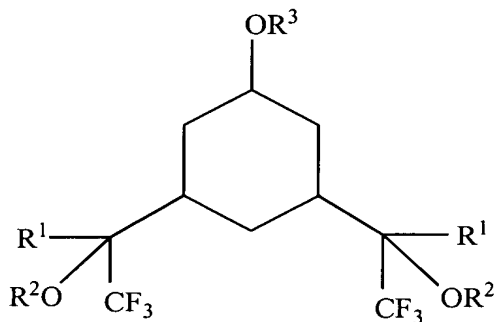
10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein at least one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  comprises an acid-labile protecting group that optionally contains at least one of an oxygen atom, a carbonyl bond and a fluorine atom.

13-16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A fluorine-containing compound represented by the following formula,



where  $R^1$  is a methyl group or trifluoromethyl group,

each of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is independently a hydrogen atom or a group containing (a) a hydrocarbon group having a straight-chain, branched or ring form and having a carbon atom number of 1-25 or (b) an aromatic hydrocarbon group, each of the hydrocarbon group and the aromatic hydrocarbon group independently optionally containing at least one of a fluorine atom, an oxygen atom and a carbonyl bond.

18. (New) A compound according to claim 17, wherein  $R^1$  is a trifluoromethyl group.

19. (New) A compound according to claim 17, wherein at least one of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> comprises (a) a functional group selected from the group consisting of vinyl group, allyl group, acryloyl group, and methacryloyl group, or (b) a substituent having at least one fluorine atom substituted for a part or all of the hydrogen atoms of the functional group.

20. (New) A compound according to claim 17, wherein at least one of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> comprises a substituent selected from the group consisting of trifluorovinyl group, difluorotrifluoromethylvinyl group, fluoroacryloyl group, trifluoromethylacryloyl group, and nonylfluorobutylacryloyl group.

21. (New) A compound according to claim 17, wherein at least one of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> comprises an acid-labile protecting group that optionally contains at least one of an oxygen atom, a carbonyl bond and a fluorine atom.